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The following is a summary of information on Soviet Air Force activity and airfields in East Germany received prior to 22 November:

A. Airfield Occupation and Air Activity: 25X1

1. General: There was no change in the disposition of the units of the 24th Air Army. Air activity was resumed after 10 November with individual training flights in the vicinity of the airfields.
2. Aircraft Count at Airfields Occupied by Fighter Units:
 - a. Neuruppin: 24 MiG-15's on 13 November.
 - b. Finow: 55 MiG-15's on 16 November.
 - c. Justerbog: 30 MiG-15's on 16 November.
 - d. Koethen: 24 MiG-15's on 18 November.
 - e. Erfurt-Bindersleben: 4 MiG-15's on 2 November.
 - f. Iaerz: 30 MiG-15's on 10 November.
 - g. Wittstock: 23 MiG-15's on 11 November.
 - h. Altenburg: 30 MiG-15's on 14 November.
3. Aircraft Count at Airfields Occupied by Bomber Units:
 - a. Werneuchen: 48 IL-28's on 15 November.
 - b. Welzow: 15 IL-28's on 19 November.

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4. Aircraft Count at Airfields Occupied by Ground Attack and other Units:

- a. Brandenburg-Industriehafen: 40 IL-10's on 11 November.
- b. Stendal: 24 IL-10's on 11 November.
- c. Schoenefeld: 15 LI-2's on 12 November.
- d. Schoenewalde: 3 PO-2's on 17 November.

5. Miscellaneous: Seven hundred and fifty recruits with black-bordered blue shoulderboards allegedly arrived at Brandis airfield in late October. Four steam rollers were observed there in early November. The field has not yet been occupied by an air unit. A rail shipment from Frankfurt/Oder with 50 new two-axle trucks arrived at Brandenburg-Altstadt on 5 November. It is believed that the trucks which proceeded to the Infanterie Kaserne were intended for the Brandenburg Ground Attack Division.

B. Airfield Construction:

- a. Vietmannsdorf: The labor force has been reduced from 1200 to 500 men. The HO store, cooperative shops and most of the barracks are scheduled to be vacated by 20 November. Except for the westernmost strip, the auxiliary runway had been concreted in early November. Four hardstands had been completed.
- b. Wolfsbehringen: About 300 workers are now employed at this site. A strip 1000 meters long and 80 meters wide and running from West-Northwest to East-Southeast had been excavated to a depth of 1.5 meters on 7 November.

C. East German Civil Aviation:

The East German airline is scheduled to start operations with its own aircraft by 1 January 1955. Fifteen Soviet-manufactured passenger aircraft of the latest type are available, and five others are to be supplied at a later date. The pilots were trained in the USSR and with the Czech and Polish airlines.

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